

STATE of NEBRASKA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20--05 CORONA VIRUS – MOTOR VEHICLE TITLING, REGISTRATION & DRIVER LICENSE WAIVER

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has made it necessary to practice social distancing for the health and safety of all Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, state law and regulations requires that certain Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles' documents and licenses be submitted and renewed in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the number of in-person contacts as well as to reduce the required staffing levels of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles for the public health and safety of the state of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, counties have continued to close local offices thereby reducing the ability to continue to issue and process Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles' documents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, hereby issue this waiver of specific requirements of laws governing motor vehicle titles, registrations, licenses, and permits.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

1. All titles, handicap parking permits, in-transits, temporary vehicle registrations, and vehicle registrations issued under Articles 1 & 3 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 60 that expire on or after March 1, 2020 are hereby valid from the date of this order until 30 days after the lifting of the declaration of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This will not apply to any documents otherwise issued through the limited business operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and its agents. Pursuant to this paragraph, under Article 27 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 77, section 2703 (1)(i), any late penalties and interest that would be required after 30 days are hereby waived. Pursuant to this paragraph, under Article 14 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 66, any late filing penalties and interest are hereby waived.

- 2. Expiration dates for all valid Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles identification cards, driver licenses, and commercial driver licenses issued under Article 4 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 60 and other conditional or provisional permits that expire on or after March 1, 2020, are hereby extended until 30 days after the lifting of the declaration of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This will not apply to any documents otherwise issued through the limited business operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles. A person who is not eligible to drive due to suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial may use licenses or identification cards for identification purposes only.
- 3. All statutory requirements and deadlines set forth in Articles 1, 3, and 4 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 60 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and its agents for the issuance or renewal of licenses, permits, titles, liens, certificates of registration, and other documents by the Department of Motor Vehicles and its agents are hereby waived until 30 days after the lifting of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This will not apply to any documents otherwise issued through the limited business operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and its agents.
- 4. All ignition interlock device installation and service providers governed by the regulations set forth in 250 NAC Chapter 1 are allowed a two-week extension for all monthly service for existing interlock customers. Additional extensions may be available beyond this initial extension on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 19th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Pete Ricketts, Governor

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State

LINCOLN – Today, Governor Pete Ricketts issued an executive order to increase flexibility in requirements for Nebraska residents relating to driver licensing and vehicle registration requirements. Acknowledging the restrictions in place to limit the spread of COVID-19, the Governor is extending driver licenses and vehicle registrations expiring on or after March 1st. The extension will remain in effect until 30 days after the order is lifted.

- Driver Licenses or State IDs The extension will apply to all driver licenses, state
 identification cards, permits, or other credential issued by the Nebraska Department of
 Motor Vehicles. Customers will still be able to renew credentials online; however, the aim
 is to reduce the number of individuals requiring in-person assistance. This step will assist
 with social distancing and reduce the need for people to travel to driver licensing offices.
- Vehicle Titling & Registrations Any vehicle title requirements, registrations, in-transit tags, or motor carrier temporary documents due to expire on or after March 1st will be extended until 30 days after this executive order is lifted.
- IFTA requirements Any Nebraska penalties or interest associated with late filing of quarterly returns for members of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) will be waived.
- Ignition Interlock Providers Monthly inspection and reporting requirements under the ignition interlock program will be provided a two-week extension period for all existing interlock customers. Additional extensions may be available, as determined on a case-bycase basis.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will continue to look at ways to assist our customers impacted by the restrictions put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19.

All Nebraska residents are encouraged to take advantage of the dozens of online services available at dmv.nebraska.gov.

Complete text of the executive order is available by clicking here (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Frelmdpk1xae51kx%2FEX%252020-05%2520-%2520COVID-19%2520Motor%2520Vehicle%2520Titling%252C%2520Registration%2520%2526%2520Driver%2520License%2520Waiver.pdf%3Fdl%3D0&data=02%7C01%7Ctaylor.gage%40nebraska.gov%7C6ce82c73bea3406f7a9308d7cc54a325%7C043207dfe6894bf6902001038f11f0b1%7C0%7C0%7C637202536213949103&sdata=ANrJIG6V%2BYdXqj4xkp73LioIG%2FlqVptXyb%2BRbZQ0200%3D&reserved=0).